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## 2ID WarFighter Exercise 2006

1. Our WarFighter Exercise starts soon. It will be a demanding exercise that presents great opportunities for our combined warfighting team to evaluate our mission essential tasks and improve our war fighting capabilities. It is essential that we receive maximum benefits from this training event. Should war come, the success of our ROK-US Alliance will be largely determined by our Army's ability to execute our plans to standard. This exercise represents an important step in our readiness.
2. War Path III was very productive and the training was exceptional. We completed WP III having accomplished every objective we set out to accomplish. I am very proud of each and every one of your efforts and commitment to excellence. The standards will be high for the upcoming Warfighter and I expect each of you to come prepared for an even tougher training exercise. It will be challenging, but I have confidence that we will meet every challenge.
3. Risks will be associated with this training event and I want us to do every thing we can to mitigate those risks. Commanders and leaders at all levels must take the necessary actions to minimize the hazards. Let's use what we have learned from previous training exercises to help us overcome some of these challenges.
  - ☐ Fatigue tends to set in after several days of hard training which lends itself to taking shortcuts. This can result in disaster. Leaders need to be keenly aware of the physical and mental condition of their personnel to guard against the risks that result from fatigue.
  - ☐ Complacency is another hazard for which we must be aware. As the exercise progresses and people do the same mission for an extended period of time, they perceive risks to be lower than they actually are – setting the stage for an accident. Everyone needs to remain sharply focused throughout the entire exercise to ensure we complete this training event safely.
  - ☐ The winter months are upon us and pose great risks for cold weather injuries. Leaders must understand the effects of the winter season and ensure their personnel dress appropriately and take the necessary actions to prepare for the adverse weather.

4. Our training is well-planned, organized, and will be tough, but I am committed to this division achieving its objectives during this warfighter exercise safely and above standard. We will do this together. I want you to train hard, conduct operations safely, and accomplish every mission. This is our Call to duty and in 2ID we will answer that call. I am very excited about our upcoming Warfighter and am confident that we, along with our ROK partners, will exceed the standards as we execute our mission. Second to None!

  
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